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Burned After War

by Kulsoom Rizvi - News Editor

Jose Mercedes, a junior at MSU, came home safely from Iraq last June. A week later, the veteran took a flight to the Dominican Republic to pay his respects to his grandmother who had passed away. While sitting on the balcony of a bed and breakfast, Mercedes was talking on the phone to his mother back in New Jersey. He began to stretch his left arm, not noticing the live cable dangling from the power lines. As he stretched, the cable caught his hand. Over 7,000 volts of electricity ran through Mercedes' body, setting his upper torso on fire. Mercedes was declared dead for 15-20 minutes.

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Clifton Residents are Reassured about Sewage Lines Leading to Montclair's Approval

Nicole Simonetti
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Kulsoom Rizvi
NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday, Montclair Township's council answered the grueling question of whose sewage lines will be used to support the new dormitories. The council unanimously voted and gave MSU

this is going to be a huge project, the town of Montclair would actually benefit from it. The sewage line is currently 100 years old and like Obszarny said, "things will never get better; they're only going to get worse."

As of now, there are tree roots that are disturbing the sewage lines and leaks that should be avoided. Storm water is leaking into the pipes; Obszarny was able to get strong information of this from the past two horrendous rainstorms Montclair Township endured.

He also reassured everyone that the environment would actually benefit from this as well. Since the storm water is getting into the flow within the sewage lines, it is being carried into the water plants as well. The water will be all around cleaner without the storm water adding on.

While Obszarny stressed the positive factors reigning from the project, he was questioned about the negative aspects as well.

Councilman Rich Murnick was eager to know how long the project was going to take. Unfortunately at this time, Obszarny is unsure of how long everything will take; he does not even have a "guess-timation," as he put it.

He cannot guess because there are many factors that will affect if the project runs smoothly or not. The biggest contributing factor is the weather; if it rains, the formation of mud will make the construction very hard.

permission to use theirs.

Mayor Jerry Fried informed the people at meeting that Montclair State University's request to use the sewage lines was nothing more than a new house being built except the project is just much larger.

The university will have to go through the same steps of gaining access and that first starts with getting the permit. The permit was not to be addressed until after Montclair Township gave its final decision.

Gary Obszarny, the town utility engineer will be working on this \$2.6 million project with MSU.

Obszarny said that while

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Temporary Parking Provides Temporary Happiness

Vanessa Hargreaves
ASSISTANT FEATURE EDITOR

The university is expecting construction of the new housing complexes behind the Recreation Center to begin April 17.

Fencing will be put up, blocking Lot 24 A below the Rec. Center and Lot 22, a parking lot north of the Rec Center. Seven hundred parking spaces will be taken away to build the new residential halls, which will house 2,000 freshman and sophomore students.

To make up for the missing parking spots, temporary parking spaces have been opened for students, faculty and staff.

Lot T1, the former tennis courts behind University Hall has 187 spaces, Lot T3 along the road between the John J. Cali School of Music and College Hall has nine open spaces and Lot 30 has been expanded and now in-

cludes 16 spaces along the west side of Carlisle Road.

The temporary spots total to 212 open spaces, however, that still leaves 488 spots missing. Susan Hur, sophomore, thinks this is all an "inconvenience."

The university is also working on a plan to allow students to return their surface permits, in exchange for a full refund and another incentive including Red Hawk Dollars, return of the commencement fee and cap and gown fees, if construction begins on the expected date.

According to Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president of student development and campus life, there are still a few things outside of the university that have to happen before that date is set in stone including approval of sewage line and water usage from the university's neighboring towns.

"We don't want to put

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What was formally the tennis courts behind University Hall has been transformed to Lot T1 to accommodate parking taken away for construction of the housing project behind the Recreation Center.

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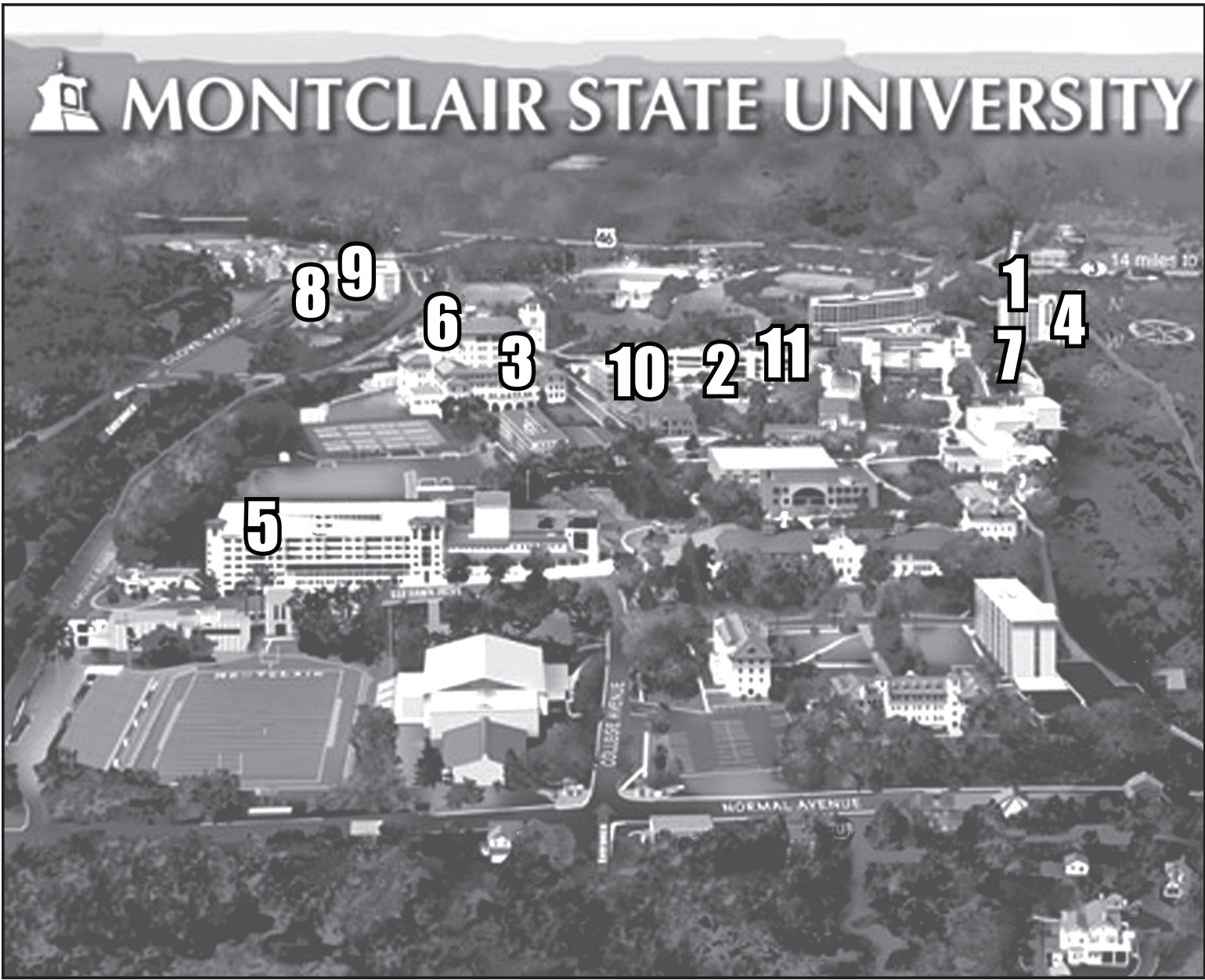
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Pelican Police Report



1 On March 23: Kevin Paz and Gabriel Gomez were charged with sexual assault while in Bohn Hall.

2 On March 23: An MSU employee reported the theft of money from her office in the Student Center.

3 On March 23: The police responded to an act of disorderly conduct outside of University Hall. Criminal charges are not being pursued.

4 On March 24: Shaquan Ward, Al Gadsen and Brian Bennett were charged with burglary while in Bohn Hall.

5 On March 25: Daniel Mittelman was charged with stalking while in the Red Hawk Deck.

6 On March 25: A student reported the theft of her mobile phone by a known suspect while in University Hall. Victim refused to pursue criminal charges.

7 On March 26: Daniel Cox, Antanique Tylene, Bridget O'Leary, Antonio Hernandez, Christopher Rosado, Jeanne Ramos, Julia Price, Carolyn Vilchez, Stephen Pryce and Daniel Connelly were charged with underage consumption of alcohol while in Bohn Hall. Isaiah Braxton was charged with obstruction of law while in Bohn Hall.

8 On March 26: A student reported criminal mischief damage to her vehicle parked in Lot 45.

9 On March 28: A student reported being harassed by unknown suspect(s) while in her residence in Fenwick Hall.

10 On March 29: An MSU employee reported the theft of books and a backpack from the Bookstore.

11 On March 29: An MSU employee reported the theft of his laptop computer while in the Student Center.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

SGA Notes

-New 2010-2011 E-Board Elected. See pg 6

-Spring Bash is on Thursday, April 22 at 8 p.m. in a secret location.

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Public Speaks Out Against NJ Transit Cuts

Stefanie Sears
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Public hearings for NJ Transit customers began last week where people could voice their opinion concerning Gov. Chris Christie's cuts on public transportation.

Rich Roberts an NJ Transit employee, gave a PowerPoint presentation of NJ Transit's latest plans and Hearing Officer Joyce Gallagher, also a NJ Transit employee, gathered with a bunch of bus and train commuters at Morristown Town Hall-Senior Community Center to hold a public hearing Friday night about the proposed bus route cuts.

These cuts are not good news for the elderly and disabled because, for many, the buses are their only form of transportation to go to work in not-so-safe areas, thus leading to job loss.

"I can't drive due to a medical con-

VIDEO: Commuters speak out on NJTransit cuts during public hearing

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dition," preschool teacher and table waiter Sandra Lynn Lightfoot said. "Of all the buses, my bus is the least used, but it's still full on a regular basis. It is my only way to work. It comes once in the morning and once at night from Chester to the Convent Station through Morristown, then back to Chester. It travels Route 24, which is not a road you can bike or walk on. It's just not safe."

Lightfoot concludes that she would be happy with a bus fare increase.

One name that came up multiple times when individuals each used his or her time to speak to the hearing officer was local bus driver "hero"

David Volk. In fact, when Volk walked up to the microphone to state his own case, the people cheered loudest.

"Senior citizens rely on buses to get food, medicine and go to the doctor. When you take away buses, these people are going to try to walk because they can't drive anymore," Volk said, stating that seventy percent of his passengers are elderly or disabled.

"As far as workers are concerned, the economy is bad enough as it is. They need the bus. By losing bus service, they go on unemployment and that is not going to pay the bills. Taking service away will devastate them. When I was younger I had service options. They don't."

The federal government already cut \$300 million in funding on mass transit. In response to this budget gap, NJ Transit proposes that they do a combination of reviewing internal efficiency, fare increase and service reduction.

NJ Transit believes that the best way to resolve the problem is to downsize and remove 20 bus routes and even some rail service, to which Volk responds, "Anybody can downsize. Take what you have and make it work, so people don't lose service."

These cuts can also cause devastation for college students, as pointed out by Sandra Hoyt, a student going for her master's degree in Counseling at Montclair State University.

"College students have a shared concern to not be able to go to school to get their credits."

Hoyt is also a job coach of the Career Services Department at St. Clare's Hospital of Behavioral Health that helps mentally ill students at Montclair State University, which is something new for department.

Victoria Bronson, biology and nutrition major and student government president in her second year at County College of Morris said, "A disproportionate amount of EOF students are affected. Some students are



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James Ochoa, an NJ Transit bus driver, speaks out about the new NJ Transit decisions and how his job may be at risk.

coming out of other counties, because their majors aren't offered in their own county college; and they have to take trains and buses to get there. They would have no way of getting there without them."

NJ Transit plans on taking the commuter's opinions, concerns and numerous petitions into deep consideration when making its final deci-

sions. Despite the seemingly inevitable changes, David Volk added, "I'm very close to my passengers. They are not passengers; they are my friends. I feel for them and I'll help them in any way I can."

Train ticket prices from Montclair State University to New York will increase from \$5.75 to \$7.25 starting May 1.

Students and Professors Speak Out about New Health Care Bill

Dana Sobel
STAFF WRITER

Controversy over President Obama's new health care reform has some students and professors up in arms, while others believe this is a step in the right direction.

With the passing of the new reform, officials hope to help everyone reduce long-term growth of health care costs, protect families from bankruptcy or debt because of costs.

It also guarantees a choice of doctors and plans, improve safety and quality of care, assure affordable and quality health coverage for Americans, continue to cover those who are unemployed and end discrimination for those with pre-existing conditions.

Scott Webber, a current Montclair State graduate student, has strong convictions against this reform, stemming from health care and leading into student loans and financial aid, which is also a part of the new reform.

"The bill not only nationalizes the health care system, but also takes over financial aid for students. The government's becoming the only agent giving out federal loans gives it the chance to attach strings to the money. This regulation may cramp innovation in universities and lower the quality of higher education," Webber commented.

Webber's concerns do not stand alone. A handful of professors at Montclair State believe that this reform could have been crafted more appropriately, but generally believe

that we are headed towards a positive change.

Stephen M. Johnson, professor of religious studies, said, "I'm disappointed it's not better, but I certainly believe this is a start towards something positive. The present system really is broken, so this is a start toward fixing it."

One of Webber's fears is that the bill will bring the federal government a step closer to complete control over the American people.

"We need a bill that unleashes the powers of the private sector, not expanding bureaucracies," explained Webber.

The majority of students have little understanding of the new reform; with some having no idea that a new reform was ever in the works.

"I guess it's good that there's health care for America now, but I'm not sure what that means for me really — in the future. I mean, I want to be covered, I think we should all be covered," said junior Jennifer Lincoln.

Professor Lee Behlman of the English department made his classes aware of the new reform, informing them that they can now be covered under their parent's health insurance until they are 26.

"I generally feel positive about the health care reform, and that now 30 million Americans that are not covered will be covered. It's a big positive," said Behlman.

Professor Kenneth Olenik from the History department said, "I support the whole initiative, and I'm glad that we've got something going. I've been hoping this would pass for a while."

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something out that then will change. We want to make sure we have ‘every one of those ducks in the row’ before we begin the process,” Pennington said.

Pennington said the process is moving very quickly, much more than one would typically have for such a large project. However, the university has taken the proper steps and continues to work in an efficient way.

“Students are going to ask, ‘why can’t you wait until the end of the semester?’ Every day is precious at this point,” she said.

Pennington explained that construction work is planned on a schedule that has to build in contingencies for weather and any other unforeseen problems.

“When they figure out how long they need to build a building and build in that contingency time, they come up with when they need to start the project in order to finish on time. In this case, that start date is before the end of the semester,” Pennington said.

Commuting Sophomore Corey Bladzinski, had mixed feeling concerning the temporary parking spots.

“Temporary spaces will be good for the fact that there’s no need to wait for a bus or walk mad long distances, but at the same time there aren’t enough spots.”

Sophomore Susan Hur said even with the temporary parking spots, it is still an inconvenience to the commuters because “what happens to the people who can’t find anywhere to park?”

Pennington said she hopes students will consider using public transportation or carpooling for the last few weeks the semester. However, prices of NJ Transit fares will go up starting May 1.

“The temporary spots will only be an inconvenience, because it will prob-



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Lot T3 along the road between the John J. Cali School of Music and College Hall.

ably be farther from the campus. It will be pointless once the temporary spots are gone and commuters will, once again, not have enough spaces,” she said. “Also I don’t believe it’s fair to take away parking spaces that we already don’t have enough of.”

Sophomore Brittany Benevento said, “Yeah, it’s going to take away spots, but since I’m not a commuter, \$2 million dorms sound good to me. I wasn’t allowed to have my car on campus for these past two years, so the lower classmen will just have to

deal with it like I did. As far as the temporary spots that are going to be put in, I think every spots counts, and at least they’re trying to accommodate commuters.”

The campus is only 14 percent residential and the university’s goal is to bring it up to 40 percent by the next one or two strategic plans. With the housing complex included, the campus will be 28 percent residential.

The new parking deck with 1,556 spaces will make up for the 1,100 spaces taken away from the new housing

complex and parking deck construction.

“We hope that students would recognize that as a member of the community, sometimes we all have to give and take for the greater good and for those who came before us gave up things to help them have what they have today,” Pennington said.

Additional reporting by Kulsoom Rizvi.

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(Left to Right) Junior Michael Melvin, sophomore Jon Aronoff, sophomore Chris Goscinski, junior Kristin Chapman, and sophomore Jared Shababb. Junior Arun Bhambri is not pictured.

The SGA welcomed in their new E-board on Wednesday. Montclair State University consists of 12,917 eligible voters, and this year the total number of voters was 1561, a slight jump up from last year. The SGA anticipates that this new E-board will continue to run meetings smoothly and bring forth new ideas for 2011 school year. Newly-elected president Chris Goscinski said, “Everyone absolutely had a great campaign and the outreach showed in the election numbers. I’m honored to be chosen by the students to help guide the SGA in achieving the potential everyone knows it has.”

In addition to the newly elected president the new E-board consists of Vice President Jared Shababb, Treasurer Arun Bhambri, Secretary Kristin Chapman, Justice Michael Melvin and Board of Trustee Representative Jon Aronoff.

“I am very relieved it’s over. Out there campaigning everyday was stressful but worth it,” Shababb said.

Goscinski said his first steps as president will start with outreach starting with the summer orientation program for freshmen, from there an increase in organization programming and co-sponsorship.

- - Jillian Knight

Sewage

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Residents of Montclair Township would also have to put up with the construction possibly interrupting their residential lives. Construction will take place from Valley Road to Alexander Ave. to Yanticaw Brook.

Aside from hearing professionals' opinions on the sewage lines, Fried left time for residents to address their concerns. Only one resident spoke out and that was Joan Checca.

Checca expressed her serious concern about the fact that almost 300,000 gallons of wastewater will be running throughout her residency.

She is also worried about the framework of the surrounding houses.

She is worried about the laterals of the buildings, and what measures Obszarny and his team are going to take to make sure everything runs smoothly. Obszarny reassured her that his men are aware of the laterals and are not worried.

The councilmember's of Montclair Township are well aware of the size of the campus and the number of students it supports. They can also assume that the campus will continue to grow.

Rich Murnick questioned how well the sewage lines would put up with this constant increasing. Obszarny will receive a \$350,000 payment from MSU every year to keep up the sewage lines.

Fried informed those that attended the meeting that this decision was needed for MSU to get the ball rolling on their construction. MSU was suffering from a delay because they were rejected from Little Falls' usage of sewage lines, and they were going to meet with Clifton.

Two weeks ago, the Clifton City Council tabled the proposal of MSU using Clifton sewage lines for the new housing complex. Residents spoke out against the plan, citing a



Nicole Simonetti | The Montclarion

The Montclair Township Council unanimously approved MSU using Montclair sewage lines for the new housing complex behind the Rec. Center.

need for more information and documents before coming to a decision.

Paula Maliandi, executive director of university communications, said MSU officials had been reviewing the sewer system plans with the Clifton City Manager and the Clifton City Engineer for two months prior to the Council meeting.

"The municipality will benefit from an upgrade to their existing sewer lines paid by Capstone Development and will also receive connection fees," Maliandi said.

Dorothea Anthony, a resident of Clifton since 1949, was concerned about how much the Clifton sewage lines could generate enough for the

new housing complex. "It's a bigger demand the sewage system. The Clifton sewage system is not young," she said.

Another Clifton resident and alumnus of MSU, David Montroni added that he was not supportive of MSU using Clifton sewage lines and wanted the university to explore their options more and conduct the necessary studies.

Another meeting was supposed to be held next week on April 6 to re-visit the issue of Clifton's sewage lines. Clifton City Mayor James said in an e-mail response that the township of Montclair's decision was "okay with me."

"I just think that some more logical thinking is needed for all of our futures to the continued expansion of the school. I have always thought it great to have a university at our doorstep but you can't continue to grow on the size of property they are sited. It's not fair to the students that are cramped in to a small area and the area residents who have to put up with the traffic," he said.

Al Greco, city manager of Clifton, was in touch with *The Montclarion* today, wondering what Montclair Township's decision was, and it can be said that construction will begin soon.

Students Receive Prizes From Dining Raffle

Stefanie Sears
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A brief award ceremony sponsored by Montclair State University's Dining Services was held Wednesday in the Student Center Dining Room with a free lunch provided afterward.

Three students, freshman Katelyn Brower, junior Jennifer Dave and senior Adaugo Oriji each received a prize — a 32" flat screen TV, I-Pod Touch and digital camera respectively — for participating in a campus wide online survey via e-mail evaluating Dining Services on campus, which "is intended to be a first step toward developing the campus dining master plan," Dora Lim, the general manager of dining services, said "The components of the master plan will be facility, design and service of both retail and residential dining plans."

"All of us were surprised because we never win anything," Brower said.

Others present were Renee Cetruolo, director of retail operations; Kathleen Ragan, associate vice president for student development and campus life; Kamali Archukan, marketing director; Jon Precaido, Student Government Association president and student promotions intern coordinator at Sodexo; Jeffrey Kaplowitz, director of residence dining; and Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life.

A total of 1,278 people completed the survey, 1,113 of them students, the majority being juniors, 76 faculty and 89 staff members.

"It was great to have student feedback," Precaido said. Sodexo randomly chose the winners and the winners were notified via e-mail. Together they had to decide on an appropriate time for the ceremony to take place so that all three victors were present. Ragan presented them with three envelopes from which they could chose. This is how they each received their prizes.

These surveys occur anytime the campus expands. Dining Services then needs feedback from the students so that it can address their needs in their long-term master plan, whose completion is expected in five plus years. Finances come into play as well.

An example of what is being considered is whether or not the campus should have brands in dining venues. "We are responsive to their choices," Lim said, "Surveys are ways to get customers to talk to you and have conversation with the students."



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Three students received prizes after participating in a campus wide Dining Services survey.

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Burn After War cont.

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“I’m a weird individual. I’m not afraid of death,” he said. “It’s inevitable and it’s going to happen whether you’re at home or at war.”

Before losing consciousness, Mercedes said his father was going to grab him but instead, waited for the transformer to blow.

“He would have died too if he tried to help me,” Mercedes said.

If Mercedes was not wearing contacts, the doctors said his eyeballs would have melted out of his sockets. The electricity also made a complete circle around his heart and missed all of his internal organs.

“But it did one hell of a number on me,” he said. “I guess I’m blessed.”

One of the Dominican Republic’s airports was completely closed down to bring a C130 plane to transport Mercedes back to the states.

“I still don’t know till this day how this happened. All I know is someone called someone and the army planned it within 24 hours,” he said. “I don’t remember any of this. I completely blacked out. I did wake up three times while I was rushed to the hospital. Skin from my hand was hanging from my fingers. I thought, ‘Please kill me now.’ I was in horrible pain.”

Mercedes was taken to a burn center in San Antonio. Only his left arm was amputated, but if he had stayed in the Dominican Republic for one more day, both of his arms would have been gone.

Mercedes’ upper half had to be rebuilt. His right shoulder was reconstructed with skin taken from both of his legs, part of his upper back was worked on and his left arm was amputated two inches down his forearm.

Mercedes also pointed to his slightly burned right ear where the phone was during the surge.

Mercedes currently has eight hands including one for swimming, biking, kayaking, hunting, motorcycle riding and a bionic hand that rotates. Mercedes trains his muscles and isolates different parts of his muscles to move his hands in specific ways.

“I have to be really concentrat-

ed when moving my fingers,” he said. “It was hard at first but my body adapted and got used to it.”

“Luckily, I’m a righty. At first it hurt so much, but sometimes it doesn’t seem like I lost my arm. I can’t play video games because I have no opposable thumbs, and I love video games. My bionic hand has no wrist motion so when driving, I switch hands to turn.”

While in the hospital, Mercedes met other burn victims includ-

come a Marine, but his grandmother on his mother’s side persuaded otherwise. Mercedes decided to join the National Guard instead, after 9/11.

“I wanted to be part of it,” he said. “Coming from the Dominican Republic, I can do things here I couldn’t do there.”

“Marine core values have been instilled in me,” he said. “But my grandma is my heart and the only reason I am alive today. She is my reason for living.” Mercedes recalled an incident before his

can Republic, his grandmother mentioned to Mercedes that she had a bad feeling about the trip. “She told my mother that I wouldn’t be there for her birthday. I wasn’t. I was in the hospital,” he said.

During Mercedes’ deployment, his grandmother in New Jersey had four consecutive aneurisms, both his mother and brother were sick and his relationship with his fiancé was breaking apart.

One night, while Mercedes was sitting in his room, he had his handgun and rifle locked and loaded in his lap. His grandmother’s name came to mind.

“I don’t give in like that, but I’m miles away from my family and friends; I live through a cycle where I get up to go to a mission, sleep for two-three hours, and the only sanity I have is shattered and destroyed. I didn’t eat for a few days and my weapons were taken away. Everyone could tell I wasn’t feeling right.”

It was not a happy transition coming home for Mercedes. “Iraq ruined my life,” he said. “My deployment killed my life. It took me awhile to accept that things happen for a reason. I kind of regretted [going to Iraq] in the beginning, but I learned a whole new side of the world and was glad to experience it first-hand.”

Going to Iraq showed him how not everybody is as evil as the media paints it, Mercedes said. He described some Iraqi’s as “crafty people,”

“I was at a prison; most of my mission was as a guard, and there was no reception on the T.V. so the chief said make he could make it work. He came back with a piece of cardboard, foil, paper and string and made an antenna.” Even with the stressful nights in Iraq, Mercedes said he was able to forget and move on with his life.

Transitioning into the college life was pretty smooth for Mercedes, even though getting into the habit of studying was a challenge. Some of the people he acknowledged were Betsy Montanez from the undergraduate admissions, who stayed in contact with Mercedes while he was in Iraq, and Denise Rodak, coordinator of veterans and military resources.

“It’s good to see how much Montclair State supports its veterans the way it does,” he said.



Junior Jose Mercedes’ eight hands sit on his bed. He has one for swimming, biking, kayaking, hunting, motorcycle riding and a bionic hand that rotates.

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ing one man who lost his leg and arm. Mercedes went to show him his bionic hand to cheer him up. “When he got his arm he said ‘we’re going to be arm brothers now,’” Mercedes laughed. “I felt better being down with my broken, people then with normal people. We’re all broken people and some people don’t understand, like the war in Iraq.”

The junior was deployed in June 2008 while he was a full-time student at MSU and a desk assistant at Freeman Hall.

Mercedes initially wanted to be-

deployment where he was having a dispute with an individual over the internet. “It was around midnight and I was ready to leave the house, not to have fun, but to take care of business. So I grabbed my knife and as I was walking out the door my grandma calls and asked if I was going out. I said no and she said ‘I just had a dream [where] I saw you on a street corner sliced up with your own knife.’”

Mercedes said moments like this has been going throughout his life with her. Before going to the Domini-

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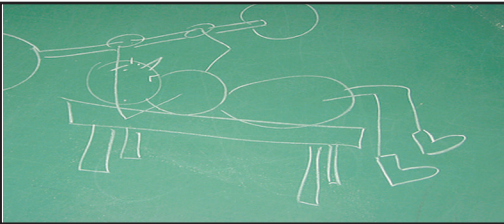
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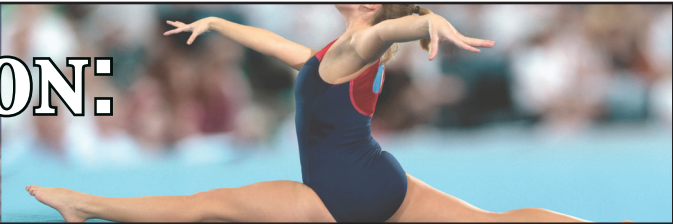
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THE WORKOUT STATION: TAE BO EXERCISES



Vanessa Hargreaves
STAFF WRITER

I hope everyone is ready for an awesome workout because this week is all about Tae Bo moves, inspired by the fitness genius, Billy Blanks! These moves will be an introductory workout for those of you that live in dorms and apartments and have never done Tae Bo before. It's fun and fresh; do it with dance music on, and you will have a great time. Remember that while doing all these moves, you must rotate your feet and hips in the direction you are moving.

Warm Up: 1. Upper cuts: Lets start with upper cuts by making fists with your hands, pivoting your body from left to right and punching in an upward motion on each side. Do this for a minute.

2. Butterfly: Now move onto the butterfly repetitions; with feet apart, expand your arms out with elbows bent, as if you had wings. Then, move your right leg to your left while contracting your arms inward. This creates an "in and out" motion with your arms; continue while switching from your left to right leg. Do the butterfly exercise for one minute.

Main: 3. Jab: Stand feet apart. Get into a fighter stance and jab by punching the air left and right. Do eight repetitions on one side before switching to the next. Make sure you rotate your feet each time you switch sides so that your hip section is fully engaged. Do this three times with one minute intervals.

4. Speed Bag and Speed Bag Pulses: Start out with your body pivoted to the left, knees slightly bent and arms out to the left side. With your elbows bent, roll your arms around each other at a steady pace. This creates a pinwheel motion in the air. Do this on

each side of your body for one minute. Then for the pulse exercise, do the same pinwheel motion except with just one arm while pulsing up and down with your knees for one minute and switch. Keep your back straight and core contracted. Don't forget to switch sides.

5. Under the Fence Punches: This one is a great move for jamming out to music! Go into a squat position and get your upper body in a hovered position. Quickly, punch from left to right, but do so as if you were dodging punches being thrown at you. This fun move is also known as "the bob and weave." Use your leg strength to remain in squat position, and do this move three times for one minute intervals.

There you have it, MSU — awesome Tae Bo moves that you can enjoy that will not take long to do. This is the first part of the Tae Bo segment that you can also watch at *themontclarion.org*. I'll have the sequel soon. See you next week for another fitness segment!



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Q: WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU CAUGHT YOUR GF/BF CHEATING?

Sincerely, Concerned GF



Nelson DePasquale
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This week's question is a very serious one. I have never been placed in this position before. I sure do hope I never will be. But alas, life isn't a always a bowl of butter for everyone.

For me, this isn't a question of whether or not you should break up with your cheating partner. It's a question of how. Unless both sides agree on an open relationship, cheating is intolerable when it comes to relationships. If you let this person come back into your life after he or she broke your heart, you become the fool.

Don't get me wrong; I believe that couples can get back together after a cheating incident occurred, but a break is definitely in order.

If after this time apart, both parties still love and want to be with each other, then you can figure out a way to work things out.

In the meantime, here are a few tips on how to "untie the knot."

1. Don't go crazy.

Trust me, you have all the right to overreact to this. But throwing chairs, breaking car windows, punching holes through walls and threatening your ex or his or her partner are not good decisions. These will only make you look more like the bad guy.

The best way to go about the break up is to be calm; try not to show much emotion. Then tell your ex that this was not your choice, but theirs. You shouldn't be sweating this situation, the cheater should.

2. Wait till the cheater "crawls back" to you.

I'm not one for playing silly games like this in relationships. When it comes to cheating, however, no matter how much you want this person back, don't be the first one to initiate contact after the breakup. If he or she is truly sorry and loves you, they will contact you first.

If they don't get back to you, forget them; they are missing out. Hey, if they went on their knees behind your back, make them get on their knees again if they want to talk to you.

If you have any doubt that this person can't be trusted, even if you love him or her, don't get back together. You don't want to be making yourself suffer. Trust is the most important thing when it comes to relationships. Without trust, there is nothing.



Jade Moskovitz
STAFF WRITER

The answer to this question is based on how much self-control you have. No matter which party walks in on the other, one's immediate reaction would most likely be along the lines of beating the crap out of the third party.

But when it comes down to it, who's to blame? Is it the home wrecker or your significant other?

Obviously using violence would release some of the frustration you're feeling, but unfortunately, it's not going to get you any answers. So ditch your initial instinct, and try your best to hold your composure.

We would all like to say that if and when such a thing happened, we would be able to deal with it in the best way possible; but I can vouch for all of us when I say, "We're wrong."

Cheating in one word is best linked to the word "broken." Not

only does it have the ability to break one's heart, but it also has the ability to break one's trust.

The best advice I can give on how to react to this situation would be to bite your lip and walk out the door. I know this is not what you want to hear; but when all is said and done it's the best choice.

From experience, I believe it's safe to say that when someone is angry, they tend to speak before they think.

Not to mention, the image of your partner cheating is not something you are going to want to witness long enough for it to become a vivid memory, so why stick around?

After you've cooled down and revisited the situation, you have a decision to make. Do you want to call it off or talk it out?

The key components of a relationship are satisfaction, investment and considering the alternative.

Obviously if you've been cheated on, you are not satisfied with the way things are going; so then comes investment. How much time have you invested into the relationship? Weeks? Months? Years?

And depending on how long you have been involved, it's up to you if you can regain your trust in that person or not. Depending on that answer, you can consider the alternative, can this person be replaced, or do they mean way too much to you?

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Teen Gambling on the Rise?

Andrew Jupina
STAFF WRITER

A group of friends at Montclair State University who love to watch sports get together at least once every week. Last week, it was college basketball, Syracuse and St. Johns.

There was a lot of food, and the guys were a bit loud and obnoxious; but in the end, it was all for fun. Everything was fine until one person saw the final score and started yelling and cursing at the T.V. This was not because his team lost; he doesn't even like Syracuse or St. Johns. He was cursing because the team he was betting on lost. "Fixed! It's fixed!"

Former NBA basketball player Charles Barkley once made an interesting comment on HBO's *Costas Now* about the subject of gambling: "I love gambling. It's fun. It's exciting. I don't want to leave all that money to my free-loading family ... I want to be dead broke when I keel over."

While fun and exciting, it is a different story for college students and teens. Research from the Harvard School of Public Health shows that around 80 percent of teens have gambled at least once per year. In

November 2007, surveys taken in New York showed that 10 percent of New York's teens had gambling addictions. As a result, many teens and college students have gambled themselves into debts that they can't pay.

"It's fun cause you're with your friends, watching games and 'stuff,'" said a college sophomore, who requested anonymity to protect his reputation.

"After awhile, you kinda wonder where your money went; it's tough because it's hard to tell when you're doing it too much."

It's hard to explain how gambling can become an addiction and what exactly leads to this type of behavior. Some people are simply raised in a competitive environment and have a need to constantly compete and win.

There's also the rush of adrenaline and excitement that comes with gambling. When somebody wins, it becomes hard to stop and doesn't seem like an addiction. By the time they realize they need help, the damage may already be done.

A lot of people may not view gambling as a bad practice. Teen gambling may not be much of an issue to some because, according to World Casino Directory, the legal gambling age changes from state to state.

Still, there are some who cannot

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Anonymous Sophomore

control their gambling, and the consequences aren't good. For all age groups, there is always the issue of debt and an increase in poverty.

For teens and college students, gambling can become an obsession, leading to bad grades and even alcohol and drug abuse.

Ara Hacobian, a current member of Gamblers Anonymous, has had his own struggles with his gambling addiction.

"I never intended to get addicted," Ara said, as he recalled bad memories. "You just keep gambling ... all of a sudden, you're in debt."

Ara claims he wouldn't have gotten better if it weren't for his family.

"My wife called me one day and said she didn't want me back. She told me to find the tallest building and jump off of it ... I was suicidal, very upset."

"I joined Gamblers Anonymous in October of 1995," Ara said, describing his road to recovery. "After about a year, it just becomes a habit." Ara has gone over 14 years without gambling, and appears very content with his life.

"My life is great today. I have my own business, my wife is still with me and I have two beautiful teenage sons."

Sports gambling does not only affect people like Ara, it even affects those who aren't even involved in it. It can lead to corruption in college sports and hurt the athletes' reputation, which is not fair, considering all the work and training they go through.

"Sports wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardize the eligibility of student-athletes," said former NCAA president Cedric Dempsey during an interview with *USA Today*. "Sports wagering has no place in college sports."

Professional sports experienced its own problems with gambling with the 2007 NBA betting scandal. Colleges must not let the same happen to their institutions and students.

This campus does have a department of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) which can be reached at (973) 655-5211. They can counsel students on gambling addiction if needed.

Signs of a Gambling Problem:

- 1. You feel the need to be secretive about your gambling.**
- 2. You gamble even when you don't have the money.**
- 3. You become increasingly defensive about your gambling.**
- 4. You become increasingly desperate for money to fund gambling.**
- 5. You deny or make excuses for your gambling.**

Source: www.helpguide.org

How to Treat gambling Problems:

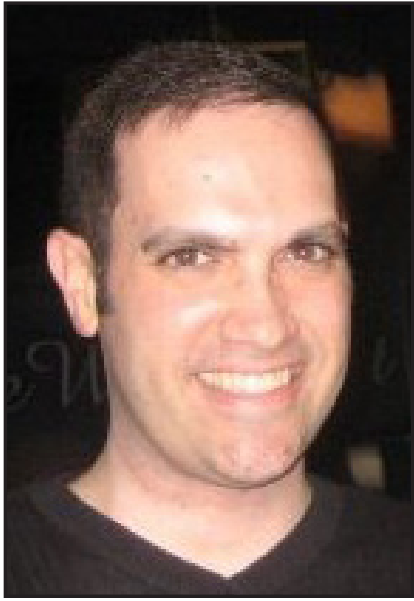
- 1. The person must first admit they have a problem.**
 - 2. Seek help from organizations that treat addiction, such as Gamblers Anonymous.**
 - 3. Medication, such as anti-depressants.**
- Disclaimer: The Montclarion strongly suggests talking to a professional before taking any medication.**
- 4. Family interventions to help cope with your problem.**
 - 5. Group therapy.**

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Let's Save Babies!

MSU PROFESSOR HELPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jade Moskovitz
STAFF WRITER



Courtesy of Fernando Uribe

To desire and to accomplish are two vastly different things. Someone who wants to become involved in charity work must not only desire to reach out to the public good, they must also be willing to devote their time, patience and utmost dedication to reaching their goal. Fernando Uribe, a professor at Montclair State University, has been reaching out to the public through fundraising for a number of years now.

On April 24 at 7 p.m., Uribe will be hosting his March of Dimes fundraiser and auction at Hoboken's Bahama Mama's. This gives those interested an op-

portunity to get involved and support the cause with the chance of winning a date and having a good time. All proceeds will go toward the March of Dimes.

Aside from his position as a professor at Montclair State University, Uribe also teaches at Berkley College, has a radio show and still manages to put aside time to plan and prepare for his events. His two annual events focus on raising money for the March of Dimes held in April and the Breast Cancer walk held in October. Aside from these, he also hosts a charity softball game once a year, for women soldiers who return from battle and need aid, such as financial support. With such a hectic schedule, many begin to wonder what keeps Uribe going. "A lot of people get involved in charity, but they do it for the wrong reasons," he says. "I do it because I want to help; I do it because it's important."

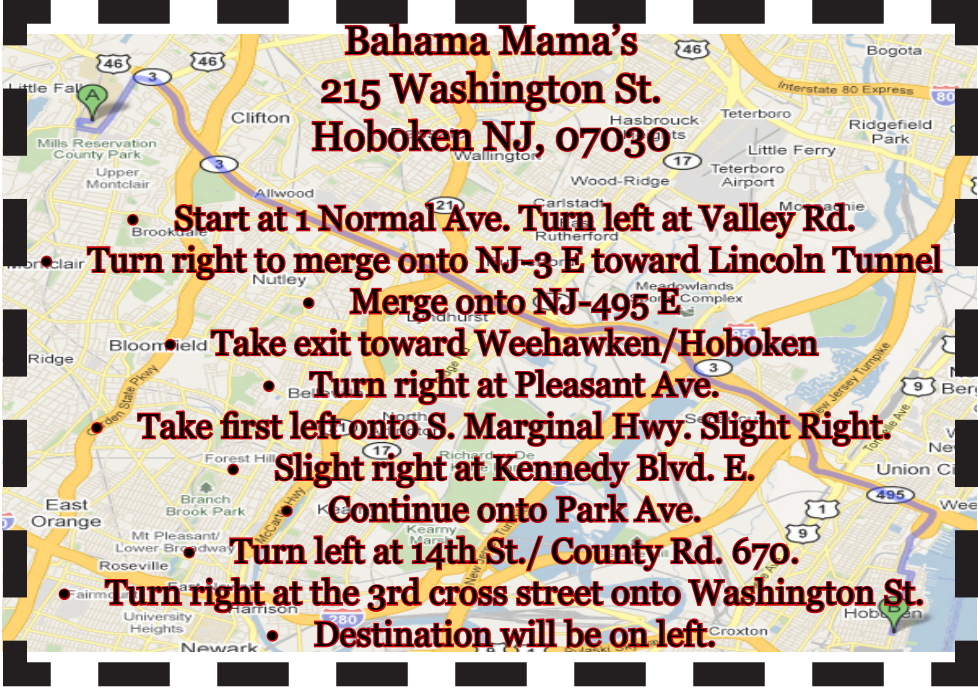
Planning for such an event is emotionally and physically draining. It takes a lot of patience and involvement in order to network and find those willing to support and join Uribe on his mission. Therefore, a lot of free time is donated to networking through Facebook, flyers and his radio show which incorporates the importance of charity work. In order to see results through one's efforts, one must raise awareness. Having held various charity events in the past, he is well aware of how time consuming the planning of an event can be. But in the end, Uribe said. "It's all worth it."

Past events have brought in an average of \$2,500, thanks to the time

dedicated and the supporters who are willing to make a donation and work toward making a change. Whether supporting the March of Dimes efforts to help mothers and their newborn children or donating toward the lives of those suffering from cancer, it brings a sense of accomplishment to those involved. Anyone is able to help out, but it takes the right group of people to create change.



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HAPPYLAND! by Lou CUNNINGHAM!



One perk about Wikipedia is looking up things that haven't happened yet

For goodness sake, who keeps trolling the Domsday entry!?



Before I save Conner, I should warn others about their impending doom.



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... OR IS IT?

The Mystery in Calcia Gallery 3.5 is Unknown at MSU

Emily Golloub
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Gallery 3.5, a staple in so many BFA students' college careers, is invisible to almost everyone else here at MSU. With no budget, no prospective curators, little organization and no future plans, the gallery's potential is slowly slipping away. Dominick Severino, co-curator of the gallery along with Kyle Coniglio, said, "Unless you live and breathe Calcia, you won't really understand the significance of the gallery." Yet, no one seems to be stepping up to change that.

Walking into Gallery 3.5, a sense of calmness and separation from the rest of the university takes over, regardless of the fact that the gallery is in the center of Calcia Hall. You can start anywhere you want, right or left, after walking through what seems to be just another art studio doorway. As you make your way around, stress slips away. The tiny square room with white walls, small bench and a variety of artwork creates a place where

any student, professor or administrator can relax, unwind and refocus from a stressful university setting.

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When asked about the history of the gallery, Severino knew little of the origin. He, vaguely, remembers some old checkbooks that he found in a box that was given to the gallery from the Student Government Association (SGA) which were disposed of along with any other forms of a paper trail that would reveal the history of the gallery.

Arun Bhambri, SGA Treasurer, researched the gallery's past in connection with the SGA and funding. "There is no record about Gallery 3.5," said Bhambri, "I spoke to administrators who attended MSU and have been involved with the SGA since they were students, and they don't even have any record about it. I think that there has been some sort of lack of communication with the department [Gallery 3.5] and everyone else."

Coniglio was able to provide



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Student visits Gallery 3.5 to see Mike Zawadski's photography exhibit.

a little more information, but no history before his own freshman year. For the 2008-2009 academic year, Danielle Mullins and Lauren Brown ran the gallery, and then passed it down to

Severino and Coniglio.

Scott Gordley, chairman of the department of art and design, was able to answer the question a little more clearly via e-mail. There wasn't a gallery when he

first arrived here at MSU over eight years ago. He believes the genesis of the gallery came about after students asked for a place to display their work.

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To Catch an Origami Killer

Heavy Rain

Mark Ramdular
STAFF WRITER

Rain, rain and more rain. No, that is not a description of this week's weather forecast; at least, I hope not. It's the backdrop and a huge part of the setting in developer Quantic Dream's "interactive drama video game," *Heavy Rain* for the PS3. Following the cult success of *Indigo Prophecy* on the PS2, Quantic Dream decided they wanted to try and revolutionize the art of interactive storytelling with *Heavy Rain*. Released on Feb. 23 and published by Sony Computer Entertainment, gamers everywhere got the chance to see if the forecast was really accurate about *Heavy Rain*.

"How far will you go to save someone you love?" is a question that appears on screen once, but continually lends itself to the central theme. *Heavy Rain* starts off with a prologue in which you play as one of the game's four protagonists, Ethan.

We go through Ethan's daily life, chores and responsibilities, until it is time to visit the mall. It is here that the pivotal moment to the plot occurs. Fast forward two years and we take control of Ethan again, except this time he's sporting a thick beard, and the torrential downpour, which the game is named after, begins.

After a few scenes, anyone playing or watching will note that this is not a conventional video game. In fact, it's as far from a conventional video game as possible. That being said, there are not many gameplay mechanics to be had here.

The controls revolve around timed presses, shaking the six-axis controller, making pivotal decisions and making use of a terribly awkward walking mechanic. Graphically, the game is as good as it gets. Character models are sharp, react with the environment and are, for the most part, great at emoting. The



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textures in the game are also no slouch, and the virtual downpour could easily be confused for the real life counterpart.

With that out of the way, it is time to get to the heart of *Heavy Rain*. *Heavy Rain* is a game that almost entirely relies on its sto-

rytelling.

Throughout the game, you will control four separate protagonists while they embark on their respective journeys. A big part of this game is that you do not choose when you get to play as a specific protagonist. Much

like a movie, *Heavy Rain* plays out scene by scene making the player having to deal with the situation they are in. However, the choices you make alter how the story will pan out. In other words, deciding to leave a window open or have a protagonist

die can adversely effect the outcome of the game.

These playable characters are all, somehow, linked by the mysterious entity known as the Origami Killer; an unidentified person who's been terrorizing the city by killing young boys and leaving origami and flowers at the crime scene. Inevitably, it is in our hands to discover the links and tie them all together, thus making a complete game. Unfortunately, this is where all the elements either become a hit or a miss.

If this video game was a movie, which the creators and the president of Quantic Dream would encourage, then everyone should save their money. The voice acting, all done by foreigners, goes so quickly from good to awful at any given second that it is hilarious.

This writer is either totally oblivious to how many accents a small city can have or there are a million ways to pronounce the word origami. Terrible voice acting aside, there are also major plot holes that will leave you dumbfounded. And unfortunately, movies don't have gameplay devices to save them.

Fortunately, *Heavy Rain* happens to be a video game. And as such, it is somehow ridiculously engaging and fun. It is because you, the player, control these characters that you build an emotional attachment.

It is because you, the player, control the outcome of the game. *Heavy Rain*, which could double as a terrible B-movie, somehow ends up being extremely immersive and innovative. Is it going to revolutionize story telling in video games? Does it compete with the ideological narrative that a movie can provide? No and no, it does not achieve either of those purported goals. However, it is with the utmost of confidence that I would say that *Heavy Rain* is worthy of at least one play.

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Gallery

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Jillian Keats | *The Montclarion*

Gallery 3.5 provides a place for art students to show their work.

“After they were told that both the Louvre and Guggenheim were out of the question, they came to the department with an idea,” said Gordley jokingly. It was decided that a small room on the second floor of Calcia would act as a place for students to show their work.

Gordley went on to say, “Don’t ask me how the gallery got its name [...] perhaps it represents the median GPA for art and design students. [That] may be a bit optimistic, but then again, maybe not that far off if you drop the math and science courses from the equation.” It is still unknown how the gallery actually got its name.

PRESENT

Currently, Seveino and Coniglio are

the curators for the 2009-2010 school year. Severino walks in May. He is graduating with a BFA in sculpture and currently interning at a gallery in Chelsea. Coniglio, who also walks in May, is graduating with a BFA in painting. He also interns at a gallery in Chelsea. He plans to go to graduate school in the fall for a MFA. He got accepted to Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers and was selected for an interview at Yale for the painting program.

Contact with the curators of Gallery 3.5 was only via e-mail and phone due to the lack of presence of the curators on campus. Neither curator is currently enrolled in any classes.

The 3.5 Gallery only acts as a space to show work right now. Severino describes

his duties as curator as, “... a midwife between the artist creating and showing his or her work.”

He went on to say that it is not his responsibility to advertise or get the word out about the various exhibits; it is the artist’s responsibility. He said that he is responsible for, “filling spots not advertising, but we do rely on the Facebook fan page now to get the word out.”

Severino also said that, although the SGA once funded them, they currently have no funding for the gallery, just “oodles and doodles of supplies” from their assigned locker.

Severino hopes that the gallery would be used mostly for BFA students who are looking for “a practice run for spring exhi-

bitions at the George Segal Gallery.”

“It helps them get their sea legs, or gallery legs I should say,” continued Severino. The spring exhibit at the Segal Gallery is a mandatory student thesis exhibit. The exhibit is a major studio project II requirement for BFA students.

Photography student, Mike Zawadski, a former *Montclarion* photographer, currently has his work in the gallery. Due to lack of times available, no opening reception will be held. Zawadski was interviewed last semester as a candidate for showing in the space.

“I want to instill it as a BFA gallery. In the past, there have been BA students showing as well. I would love to extend the invite to art minors too,” said Severino. He also mentioned that he would, “Love, love, love to see a dancer use that space, and use their body as art.” Severino has many visions for the gallery, but no efforts to make connections outside of the studio art realm have been made.

FUTURE

Currently, there are no prospective curators for the 2010-2011 school year. “We have yet to find a successor(s) as of yet. Then again, Kyle and I are both extremely busy with our lives aside from the gallery. As he [Kyle]. just had his interview at Yale, and I have been on three job interviews this week alone. As I have, since, contacted people in regard to who would be interested; it is now out of our hands and in theirs,” said Severino when following up with his search for a curator.






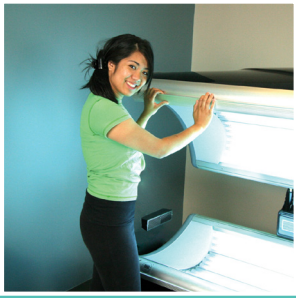
With no future plans, Gallery 3.5 is in an unstable position and lacks a solid outlook. “When you fill a space with your own work, you realize things you wouldn’t have otherwise,” said Coniglio. Hopefully, someone will step up and help the gallery succeed so future art students can show their work and have the experience that Coniglio mentions and for other MSU students to enjoy.


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Health care Reform: Not a Hard Pill to Swallow



Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

Without a single Republican vote, the health care reform bill passed on March 23. President Obama said at the bill signing, “After a century of striving, after a year of debate, after a historic vote, health care reform is no longer an unmet promise. It is the law of the land.” Though some may see this as a sign of the apocalypse, others have taken a rational approach to considering the pros and cons of health care reform. College students and recent graduates who are unemployed no longer have coverage from the school or a job. It’s easy for many to say, “Well, then get a job.” But the harsh reality, as hundreds of

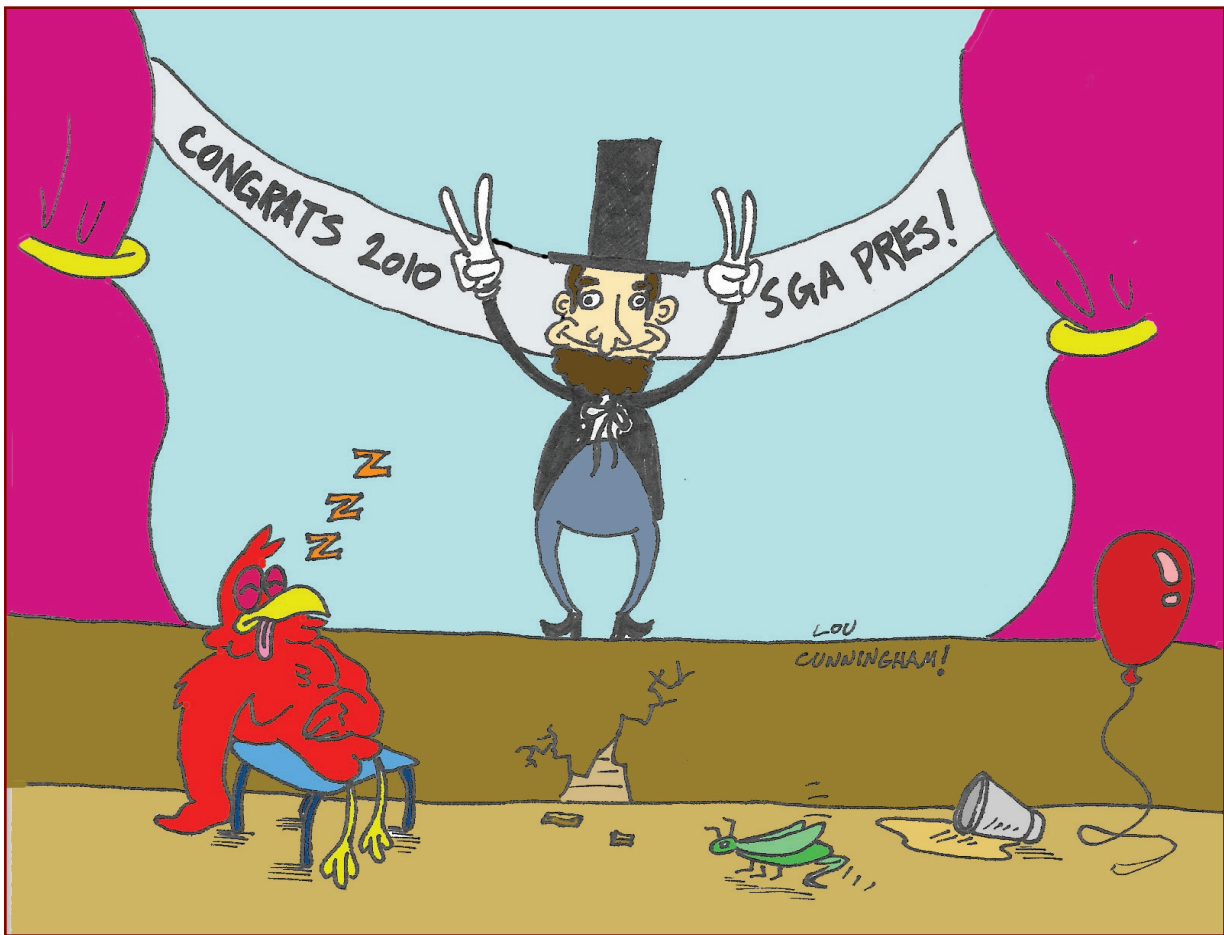
intelligent, ambitious graduates will tell you, is that jobs (especially ones that provide benefits for employees) are hard to come by. So much effort has gone into debating the implications of health care reform. It’s polarized our nation, and these ideological divisions are evident on our own campus. Take partisan issues out of it for the moment and look at how this plan will affect students. Currently, most of us are covered either by our parent’s insurance or the school’s. Health insurance and pre-existing conditions are not something we think about unless we become ill, are injured in an accident, etc. Even as a college student, health insurance plays an important role. It

will only become more important as you get older. For one thing, your health insurance company determines which doctors you’re able to see. It also determines how much you’ll pay out of pocket for routine check-ups like eye exams and dental check-ups. The cost of prescription drugs is again determined by your health insurance. Hopefully, you are not one of the 46 million uninsured Americans. Hopefully, your health insurance company never denied you coverage after you were diagnosed with a serious illness. According to the bill, beginning in 2014, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to deny coverage to patients because of pre-

existing conditions. These conditions extend to more people than you may think. Women who have had cesarean sections, for example, have been denied coverage by their insurance companies. Additionally, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to drop people from coverage if they become seriously ill. Some are complaining about compulsory aid. If you, like Snookie, expose yourself to ultraviolet radiation on a regular basis, you may be disappointed to hear about the 10 percent sales tax on tanning. Effective July 1, the government will implement a 10 percent sales tax on tanning services that use ultraviolet radiation. *The Montclarion* applauds this

measure. You will, now, be allowed to stay on your parents’ health insurance until age 26. Previously, insurance companies were able to kick you off at the age of 23. For young adults without coverage, that is a welcome extension. Cuts will be gradual and take effect over the next few years. We can only hope the long term effects will be worth it. When we realize that the sky won’t fall and that the second coming is not at hand, things start to look a whole lot brighter, especially for young adults and college students. -KM

Who Voted? Who Cares?



Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

The votes are in and the students of Montclair have spoken ... well, sort of. The results of the SGA General Elections were dismal to say the least.

Our predictions for this year’s election overlapped the outcome perfectly. Out of the 12,917 eligible voters in this election, only 1,561 students actually voted. Although the percentage of total voters increased

by approximately four percent from last year, we can’t rightfully consider 12 percent of all eligible voters to be a large turnout. On the surface, one could consider the four percent increase as a positive sign of things

to come. Unfortunately, as members of *The Montclarion*, it has come to our attention that the candidates were practicing dirty campaigning. Without naming names, we would like to enlighten the student body on the unscrupulous dealings of the SGA candidates. One of the candidates sat in Café Diem with his laptop and offered raffle tickets in exchange for votes. Another offered candy as incentive. Do these acts even require commentary? We are appalled that the candidates themselves didn’t think anything of their questionable behavior. What does that say about their moral character? We don’t feel comfortable leaving candidates such as these in charge of funding the majority of student-run organizations on campus. As a reminder, the winners of the election are in charge of 1.2 million dollars of Montclair’s finances. This money funds various organizations, and we would like to emphasize the importance of responsible spending. Since the SGA candidates participated in bribery before they were even voted in, we don’t want to imagine what they will now do with over a million dollars. There is a clear difference between promoting a fair voting system and actively bribing students.

Although it may be true that a lower percentage of students would have voted without the questionable prompting of the candidates, that’s just a sacrifice that has to be made. We can’t reward students that participate in bribery; it doesn’t take a genius to realize the error in their ways. Maybe the administrators in charge of the SGA should take another look at the dealings inside the association. It would be a shame to see student organizations take a dive because their funding was managed improperly. In times such as these, the university should be wary of who they give their money to; we are still in a recession. Our concerns over the SGA’s spending are not because we are directly affected by their choices. Luckily, *The Montclarion* broke off from the SGA in 2008. Instead, we are irked by the methods in which the elected candidates earned their votes. No matter how many times we unveil and lament over corruption, the transgressions continue. We don’t think we are overreacting by requesting an untainted electoral process at Montclair. -LW

Modest Proposal For Solving Our Problems

Stern Letters Are the Answer and Solution to the World’s Problems



KATIE WINTERS
ASSISTANT COPY
EDITOR

I firmly believe that all of the world’s problems can be fixed with stern letters. We all know that the United Nations is relatively ineffective.

The U.N. cannot simply muster an army and invade a country; in fact, the U.N. stops many countries from doing this.

Though again, proving their uselessness; sometimes it cannot even stop its member countries from starting wars. However the U.N. can write letters.

What can the international community do to stop countries from selling offshore dumping rights to corporations?

What can we do to stop China from selling arms to Sudan? What can we do to stop religious fanaticism? Write stern letters.

Now stern letters don’t seem like a good idea at first, but there are many benefits.

For one, the cost of sending letters is much less than creating a police force or sending aid to a nation. Compared to begging countries for soldiers, weapons and huge amounts of money, the U.N. could beg for just money and actually take on a task themselves.

Letter writing is also efficient. Rather than having a backlogged docket of issues that need to be taken care of, a single letter writer could complete letters to 50 countries a day.

Imagine if there were a whole task force of stern letter writers!

Now, you may say that letters are easy to ignore, someone just needs to toss it into the trash.

First, at least one of these letters must be read. The president of the U.S.A. cannot decide a letter is unimportant before it has ever been read.

Once having read the letter, the leader of any country will be debilitated by the scornful words of the writers employed by the

“... Have you ever considered what a flood of letters would be like? Have you ever seen the first Harry Potter movie? Like that, but worse.”

U.N. Besides, who would simply toss aside a letter from the U.N. as junk mail?

But of course, if a country does not cease and desist, sterner letters must be sent. At this point a naysayer could suggest that an uncooperative country will simply ignore future letters and be unhurt by the sting of the brilliant U.N. writers.

However, have you ever considered what a flood of letters would be like? Have you ever seen the first Harry Potter movie? Like that, but worse.

A flood of stern letters would not only be annoying, but it would clog up the whole country’s postal system — making it impossible for anyone to receive mail, which would obviously result in chaos.

Therefore, all parties would be forced to obey the letters and stop whatever shameful act they were engaging in.

It has been pointed out to me that letter writing is not necessarily environmentally friendly, and that e-mails would be a greener route.

This is simply ignoring the mere power of a letter. It is widely recognized that letters hold much more weight than e-mails; politicians are more likely to

respect someone who took the time to write and send a letter more than a person who simply sent an e-mail.

This must be factored in to the decision, of course. Letters are just that much more effective.

Besides, there are many ways to combat possible deforestation due to the new stern letter writing initiative.

Recycled paper is a must, as well as a friendly reminder on each letter that it should be recycled, failure to do so resulting in another stern letter.

What also must be considered is the emotional pain that any reader would have upon opening one of these stern letters.

It is not anticipated that more than two would be needed to solve any issue.

It is time for the U.N. to step up and stop making member countries do their dirty work. Stern letters are the way of the future and the solution we’ve been looking for.

Katie Winters , an English major, is in her first year as assistant copy editor for The Montclarion.

Plans for Sewers Take a Dump



LORI WIECZOREK
ASSISTANT OPINION
EDITOR

To say that Montclair University does not have high aspirations would be a omission of the obvious. Every four years, Montclair produces another master plan for expansion. Whether it is University Hall or a new residence hall, MSU shows no signs of slowing down. But, there comes a time when enough really is enough.

A university can only stretch their allotted property so far before it, quite literally, begins bursting at the seams. With plans for building new residence halls, Montclair State University will simply have too much sewage to handle.

President Susan A. Cole initiated discussions with the Municipal Council members and Jim Anzaldi, mayor of Clifton, about the possibility of Montclair utilizing Clifton sewage lines for the new residence halls. Anzaldi was not quick to jump at the proposition. One of the council members went as far as to say that they felt as though they were “being backed into a corner.”

The council seemed to feel as though they were being overwhelmed by the deluge of incoming information. Understandably, they did not want to make a quick decision without examining the details completely. President Cole reminded Clifton that, “The university pays \$6.4 million a year in salaries to Clifton residents and about \$3.7 million a year to businesses in Clifton.” She goes on to add, “The sewer connection that is being requested tonight will add new funds directly to Clifton that will be available for maintenance and an upgrade of the sewer system.”

I found the phrasing of this persuasion to be very interesting. It sounds to me like President Cole is placing a fair amount of

incentive on the table. She’s sufficiently reminding Clifton that if we scratch their backs then they scratch ours. But is it really Clifton’s responsibility to accommodate our sewage?

As a student, I’m worried that Montclair isn’t taking into consideration that the university is overstepping its boundaries. These problems may be warning signs for future issues. Montclair University does not have the right to dump its sewage in nearby towns to accommodate expansion. Each town has its own set of problems, and Clifton is no exception.

It’s inappropriate to leverage the money Montclair has given Clifton to strengthen the sewage argument. That is on the same level as giving someone a cash reward and then using their acceptance to strengthen an unrelated argument.

The amount of money the university pays Clifton seems like an irrelevant issue to me. I can easily imagine the university adding, “We gave it to you, and we can just as easily take it away!”

Despite my feelings on expansion for the sake of expansion, President Cole brings up a valid point. If

“A university can only stretch their allotted property so far before it, quite literally, begins bursting at the seams.”

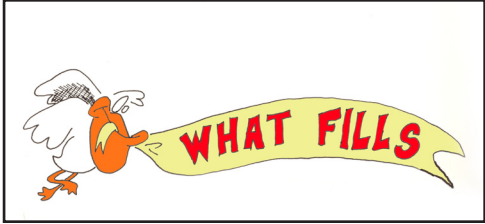
Clifton does agree to accept Montclair’s sewage, then new jobs will spring up to construct the new sewage system.

As of March 31, the university has taken it upon themselves to go to the town of Montclair requesting use of the sewage lines. The proposition passed but they neglected to inform Clifton of this new development. A correspondent from Clifton found out second hand that they were abandoning the plans proposed to Clifton. They even resorted to calling *The Montclarion* to find out what exactly was going on.

Montclair needs to stop expanding and take care of the obvious issues that already exist. Students need MSU to stop placing responsibilities on other towns, and instead, focus on the campus buildings that already exist.

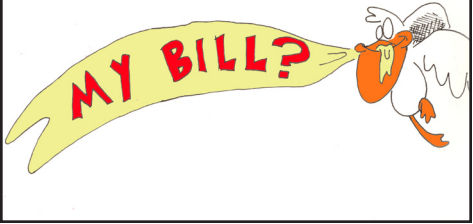
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Students Speak:

Do you feel that the health care reform will affect your life?



Joe Lislio
Sophomore
Physical Education

“I believe that all people should eventually have health insurance. For example, teachers who already have benefits should be able to keep them.”



Lenny Owrosone
Senior
Bio/ Public Health

“I feel that the health reform is a great step towards a better America. Since it depends on a great amount of funding, it is going to positively affect the working and middle class. My tax dollars are going to be put into a bill that will benefit the U.S. in the long run.”



Mather Gavin
Freshman
English

“I believe that health care is a right. To deny it to anybody on account of fear of socialism is immature and selfish.”



Gilman Choudhury
Graduate Student
Human Education

“As one of the few Western nations to not have universal health care, it is laughable for a nation of our size to go on as long as it did. For too long, the poor and weak have been pushed to the wayside so that the rich, free of the laws of both man and god, may take over the weak..”

The SGA's Closed Meeting on March 10 Was To Pick Jurors For An Upcoming Trial. This Is an Excerpt From That Meeting...

B. Frank: With so few legislators in the room, *The Montclarion* would figure it out.

C. Ruli: I am taking that list because everyone is in it.

B. Frank: I don't understand why you can put someone's name in the hat without talking to them.

J. Duerstock: It would be the most beneficial for the people who are here every week.

G. Juzdan: *The Montclarion* is not here, so they won't know.

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The Montclarion Sports Chronicles: The Final Word on Sports.
Today's Blog (4/1/10):

Out with the Young, in with the Aging McNabb to St. Louis?

Kris Hunte
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Forget the foolish Raiders, drafting possibly the biggest number one overall bust since Courtney Brown. Forget the Lions, doing what was thought unthinkable by not winning a single game during the regular season. The St. Louis Rams have undoubtedly been the worst NFL football team in the past three or four years. Their offense has been as effective as using a vacuum cleaner to mop the kitchen floor. Their defense looks like they're playing in slow motion ... in slow motion. I bet the average NFL watcher could not name a single person after Stephen Jackson on that team. They have been long overdue of the top draft pick in April's 2010 Collegiate Draft. Now, the talk of the town is who they will grab from the classroom and drag into the pig sty that is Edward Jones Dome. The nearly unanimous top draft pick across everyone's board is the fearsome Nebraska mammoth that is defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh. Others have the highly successful, yet often injured, Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford strapping on the blue and gold. However, I shall tell you all what Rams should do with the top pick in the draft: trade it for Donovan McNabb. Yes ... I just said that.

The Eagles have made it clear that they no longer require the services of the

one player that once lead them to four consecutive NFC Championship games as well one Superbowl. The Rams have decided to scrap their most efficient quarterback since Kurt Warner in Marc Bulger. Now I'm no math major, but this seems like a no brainer to me. The Rams have no time to waste grooming a Sam Bradford or a Jimmy Clausen to run their offense, and if Suh turns out to be the next Adam Carriker (also drafted by the Rams), they will be right back to where they are now: bad. There is no player this year that the Rams should take with the top pick that screams, "Our troubles are over." At 33, McNabb still has plenty of gas left in the tank, especially since he was benched a few times to give Kevin Kolb (who?) reps under center. His ability to throw the ball downfield would give St. Louis' receivers a chance to make a name for themselves, especially since I cannot name a single Ram receiver off the top of my head. His running ability would open up options for one of the top running backs in the league in Stephen Jackson (although he deserves better). In addition to McNabb, trading the first overall pick allows for the ability to move down in the first round and possibly take, in my opinion, the best defensive player in the draft in safety Eric Berry. With the first overall pick in the draft, the Philadelphia Eagles can do ... whatever the hell they want to do with it. I'm a Giants fan, so I could care less.



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Donovan McNabb may have a new uniform once the NFL Draft gets underway in April.

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A FORCE FOR CHANGE

African American Art and the Julius Rosenwald Fund



The exhibition was made possible by a generous grant from the Terra Foundation for American Art. Major project support was also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Righteous Persons Foundation, and The Judith Rothschild Foundation.

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Should Montclair State Make the Move to Division I or II?

Nelson DePasquale
SPORTS EDITOR

With all the future construction the university has planned, there is another opportunity that Montclair State can build off: athletics.

As the 22 buildings in the Capital Master Plan are being built to improve our campus, the university could look to our sports teams to give us that “new campus smell” we’ve all been awaiting. A move to a higher division will give the students something more to cheer about.

This is not a foreign thought for MSU.

“The university established a committee a few years ago to investigate whether a move to a different division would be in our best interest,” said Holly Gera, the Athletic Director for MSU. “It was determined, after a two year study, that moving divisions was not the best approach for us at the time. In addition to having a different philosophy of athletics, Divisions II and I would require providing athletic scholarships and facility upgrades.”

Gera went on to explain that the cost of the move would be prohibitive, and that there are no plans to revisit that discussion.

Currently, all of the MSU varsity teams are in Division III of the NCAA. There are many differences between Divisions I, II and III. To name the most important ones: in Division III, no athletic-based scholarships can be awarded to recruits. Naturally, Division I is the most competitive and is where all of the athletic “powerhouse” schools are.

In no way is MSU an athletic powerhouse, but our teams have been doing more than pulling their weight in recent history.

“Montclair State has had a rich athletic history, since we started playing varsity sports in 1928,” said Gera. “However, I can say that our current staff is excellent. The coaches are committed to providing a quality athletic experience for our student athletes. They are all very

Men’s Lacrosse Upsets Rensselaer in Overtime

Mike Monostra
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For Montclair State attacker Patrick Nann, Saturday’s game came down to a very familiar play. Only this time, it was to win the game.

“Just a week before when we played Western Connecticut, the score was 6-6, and [coach John Greco] called us in to run the same exact play, and everything went perfectly except that I hit the post,” said Nann. “This time when coach called us in during the second overtime and called for the same play, [Robert] Sinicola and I looked at each other and I said, ‘Hey tie game, short time left, kind of like déjà vu huh,’ and he looked back at me and said ‘no its not because this time it’s going to go in.’”

Sinicola was right. MSU ran the play to perfection, and Nann’s shot went in to score the game-winning goal in the Red Hawks’ 4-3 double overtime victory over the undefeated 19th-ranked Rensselaer Engineers. The win helped the Red Hawks become 20th in the latest USILA Division III Lacrosse ranking, their highest in the program’s history.

The win, the third straight for the Red Hawks over a Top 20 ranked opponent, did not come easy. The 4-3 victory was the lowest scoring game for the Red Hawks since 1977, so goals were hard to come by.

The big key for the Red Hawks would come on the defensive side, against an RPI team that came into the game averaging 12.5 goals per game. However, Montclair State managed to keep the Engineer attack away from the net, not allowing them to penetrate near the goal. The tight defense kept Rensselaer from getting close to the net for any high percentage shots.

“The main focus was simply to stay on the same page as a unit and keep our heads up,” said senior defender Patrick Ferry. “We knew that our offense was going to get the job done; we just had to stay strong at the other side of the field and continue to play smart system defense.”

“We tried to focus not only to being a physical, hard-nosed unit, but being calm and making the right decisions,” said defender Anthony Dzienkiewicz. “When it comes down to it, we all trusted the guy next to us allowing our defense to come

knowledgeable about their sports and are passionate about coaching.”

For firsts, the Men’s Soccer team has won four NJAC titles in a row; they boast an almost unreal 77-6-4 record during that span. From October 2005 to October 2009, they won 44 consecutive home games (an NCAA record). When they tied William Paterson this past season at home, they also snapped an 18-game regular season winning streak and a 23-game winning streak against conference opponents. Men’s Soccer made the Elite Eight in the Division III tournament in 2007, played in the Sweet 16 in 2006 and 2008 and made the second round in 2009.

Football has been no slouch either. In four years, they went 34-10. They’ve seen postseason play in nine of the last 12 years. Last year, they went 9-0 in the NJAC and lost in the second round of the Division III tournament to number one ranked Mount Union (which is where all the second and third strings from Ohio State go if they want playing time). Since

out on top of RPI’s attack.”

The Red Hawk offense found goals to be at a premium, especially with Rensselaer keying in on MSU leading scorer Tyler Meth. The Engineers held Meth without a goal for the first time this season, as defender Tyler Hutchinson hounded Meth all day, keeping him from getting possession around the net.

Unfortunately for Rensselaer, the Red Hawks did not need Meth for goals. During a three minute span in the second quarter, senior Taylor Bonner scored two goals to give the Red Hawks a 2-0 lead that would hold until halftime. Bonner’s two goals boosted his total to 17 on the season, tying him with Meth for the team lead.

RPI was able to come out of halftime fast as they played the MSU defense aggressive early. Back-to-back goals from Conor Chocheles and Bryant Johnson allowed the Engineers to tie the game just seven minutes into the second half.

The Red Hawks would retake the lead late in the quarter with a goal from Matthew Prongay, but suffered their only real defensive breakdown just a couple minutes later. With time running out in the third quarter, goalkeeper Andrew Rosado made a save on a RPI shot and dumped the ball to defender Dustin Malaszuk. However, Malaszuk unexpectedly went to pass the ball back and it would end up in the net, giving the Engineers a free goal and tying the game at three.

Despite the miscue, the defense remained tight and Rosado continued to play well, stopping 15 of 18 shots just a week after being the NJAC Player of the Week.

The game remained a 3-3 tie through the fourth quarter and first overtime, despite the Red Hawks having to kill a Bonner holding penalty. Then, with 3:05 left in the second overtime, Nann’s goal caused the Sprague Field crowd to erupt as the Red Hawks handed the Engineers their first loss of the season.

The now nationally ranked Red Hawks will hit the road for three straight games with conference play approaching. Their first Skyline Conference game will be on Saturday, April 10 at Bard College. They will return home on Wednesday April 14, when they host Farmingdale State at Sprague Field. Game time will be at 8 p.m. For a full schedule, log on to www.montclair.edu/athletics.



Robert Aitken | The Montclarion

A move to a higher division could bring teams like Montclair State’s men’s soccer into the national picture.

1983, under Head Coach Rick Giancola, football is 191-87-2 overall and 121-40 in the NJAC.

In Norm Schoenig’s illustrious 23 years coaching baseball, Montclair made the Division III World Series seven times and took home the title twice in 1993 and 2000. We have only had two losing seasons under his command. Since 1988, baseball has a 637-339-10 record overall and 281-95-1 in the NJAC.

The list goes on.

Softball is 616-225-2 since 1991. Under Coach Anita Kubika, they won seven ECAC South Championships, two NCAA Regional Championships and an NCAA National Championship.

Field Hockey has a 72.6% winning percentage in eight seasons. The Women’s Soccer, Men’s Basketball, Women’s

Basketball, Men’s Lacrosse, Women’s Lacrosse and Volleyball teams all have a winning percentage over 60 with their current coaches. Track recently produced two National Champions: Will Brown and Monique Riddick.

Practically every single varsity sport has been dominant in one way or another. Being competitive with other Division I or II schools will not be an issue.

Why have these teams been so productive under this current coaching staff? In each of the sports mentioned above, every team is being coached by, statistically, the best coach each sport has had.

“Our coaches work very hard at recruiting,” said Gera. “Division III recruiting is very difficult because we don’t offer

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Tancer Takes First in Shot Put at Farmingdale State Track Meet

Kris Hunte
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Spring has indeed sprung, my fellow Red Hawks. We have all seen our share of both sunshine and rain (more of the latter) these past few weeks. What we have not seen much of during this roller coaster of weather we call the spring season is our MSU track and field teams in action. Well, say no more, all you crimson-colored birds; this past weekend commenced the start of the outdoor track and field season for both teams and I am here to bestow unto you lovers of the sport all the stats and information you crave.

The men competed at the Farmingdale State Invitational on March 27 while the women traveled to Monmouth University for their season opener that same day. Freshman hurdler Jarman Esperance as well as All-American hurdler William Brown held their own in the 110 meter hurdle event, placing second (15.57s) and fourth (16.05s), respectively.

The story of the men's meet was the emergence of the younger Montclair State throwing squad, most notably sophomore John Tancer, junior Mario Morrison-Bird and recent Penn State transfer junior Joseph Gingerelli. "We went into the meet with the mindset of just having fun, and we did," stated Tancer. "It was a great start to our season that I feel will

only get better from here."

The six-foot, four inches, 245 pound Tancer came out on top in the Men's Shot Put with a distance of 46-foot, three inches, one and a half inches farther than second place finisher Michael Chesire of Nassau Community College.

"I have a tendency to pop up during my glide which takes away valuable power from my throw," replied the sophomore when asked about his improved throwing technique. "For this meet, I was specifically focusing on staying low in my glide. It takes months of practice and repetitions to change bad habits and fix techniques [...] you just have to take it one step at a time."

The six-foot, 240 pound Morrison-Bird was placed third in the same event with a distance of 44-feet, eight inches. He also placed third in the Discus Throw with a distance of 133-feet, nine inches. Gingerelli came up five feet, four inches short of first place in the Javelin Throw with a distance of 182-feet three inches

"I am especially excited for Joe Gingerelli," Tancer said. "It will be great to see how his season unfolds as he earns new personal bests."

During the season, the track team is not only learning from the coaches, but from each other as well. "Eugene has been a great help to me and all the other throwers," said Tancer about the All-

American senior. "His veteran knowledge and his work ethic is something special. He really helps hold the throwers together, especially because we no longer have a specific throwers coach. He always comes early to lifting and practice and is usually the last to leave, making sure everyone got the help and guidance they needed."

The Women's Track team of MSU went into the Monmouth season opener knowing well what they were up against: a heavily populated Division I pool, which was anchored by the University of Connecticut. Junior thrower Jackie Philbin represented her colors strongly, placing 17th in the Javelin Throw with a distance of 92-feet, 10 inches and 11th in the Discus Throw, chucking the weighted Frisbee 105-feet, three inches.

Other notable feats included sophomore sprinter Ashely Powell, who placed 13th in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.73 seconds, and the MSU spring medley team consisting of Powell, sophomore Katherine Tallaj, freshman Ashadaya Patterson and freshman Sara Douma, as they recorded a 12th place finish with a final time of four minutes and fifty seconds.

The Red Hawks track and field team will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Ramapo College for the Roadrunner Invitational.

Baseball		
	NJAC	Overall
Kean	0-0	12-5
RU-Camden	0-0	9-5
MSU	0-0	7-4
W. Paterson	0-0	9-6-1
Ramapo	0-0	7-5
Rowan	0-0	8-6
Stockton	0-0	10-8
NJCU	0-0	8-7
TCNJ	0-0	6-8
RU-Newark	0-0	6-10

This Week
4/1 @ New Jersey City 3:30 p.m.
4/2 vs RU-Newark 3:30 p.m.
4/3 vs Rowan (DH) 11:30 a.m.
4/6 @ Eastern Conn. 4 p.m.

Last Week
3/26 MSU 6, Muskingum 2
3/27 MSU 20, John Carroll 12

Softball		
	NJAC	Overall
TCNJ	0-0	13-3
W. Paterson	0-0	11-4-1
Kean	0-0	10-4
Rowan	0-0	12-5
RU-Camden	0-0	9-4
Stockton	0-0	8-4
NJCU	0-0	8-4
Ramapo	0-0	7-5
MSU	0-0	6-6
RU-Newark	0-0	6-6

This Week
4/2 @ TCNJ 2 p.m.
4/6 vs Ramapo 3 p.m.

Last Week
3/25 DeSales 2, MSU 1
MSU 4, DeSales 2
3/31 MSU 11, Hunter 3
MSU 8, Hunter 0

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athletic scholarships, so sometimes it is difficult to get the commitment from prospective student athletes. The coaches have done an excellent job of networking and that helps in the recruitment process. Additionally, Montclair State University is a great place to 'sell' to recruits. The academic programs, facilities and proximity to New York City are all great strengths."

Just imagine how great our recruiting will be when we can offer athletic scholarships on top of what we already have to offer.

Even though moving to a higher division sounds like a no-brainer by looking at our successful sports programs, there is a downside.

"The cost of the move would be pro-

hibitive [...] especially during the current fiscal climate," said Gera.

Although the short term financial cost would prove to be costly (a fee for moving up a division as well as renovations to Sprague Field for crowd accommodations) in the long run, the school will benefit. Between increases in demand for coming to MSU, team apparel sales, game attendance and concession sales, the university will, no doubt, make more money.

Moving to Division I or II right now isn't in the university's best interest, especially with the Capital Master Plan in its early stages. However, after the 22 projects are finished and there is some breathing room financially, why not move up?

There is nothing holding us back.

A move to a higher division will not only give students a better sense of school spirit and fandom, but it will further Montclair State's status as an esteemed university. We already have the academic programs (as well as a great location) that we have been recognized and awarded for.

If we can eventually have a Division I athletic program, we will overtake Rutgers as "New Jersey's University," and Montclair will be the state's premiere spot for getting an education. And hey, who knows?

In the future maybe a different MSU will have the chance to make an appearance in the NCAA Division I Final Four. Just don't count on it anytime soon.

WHO'S HOT THIS WEEK



Patrick Nann
Attacker — Men's Lacrosse
Nann scored the game-winning goal in double overtime as the Red Hawks upset 19th-ranked Rensselaer 4-3 on Saturday.



Megan Durkin
Infielder — Softball
Durkin went three for four, including a double and two RBIs as the Red Hawks defeated DeSales in the second game of a doubleheader on Thursday.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Baseball
Friday April 2, 3:30 p.m.
vs. Rutgers-Newark
Yogi Berra Stadium

The Red Hawks baseball team kicks off their NJAC schedule as they host Rutgers-Newark

Men's Lacrosse		
	Skyline	Overall
Farmingdale	0-0	6-3
MSU	0-0	5-3
Stockton	0-0	3-2
Kean	0-0	4-4
M. Vincent	0-0	4-4
Maritime	0-0	2-5
Bard	0-0	0-4

This Week
4/7 @ Marywood 7 p.m.

Last Week
3/27 MSU 4, Rensselaer 3 (2OT)

Women's Lacrosse		
	Skyline	Overall
MSU	3-0	4-3
Ramapo	2-1	4-2
Farmingdale	2-1	2-3
Mt. S. Mary	1-1	2-3
Kean	1-1	2-5
Maritime	0-3	1-3
Mt. Saint V.	0-1	0-3
Sage	0-1	0-4
Bard	0-2	0-2

This Week
4/1 @ Scranton 7 p.m.
4/6 vs Kean 7 p.m.

Last Week
3/27 MSU 14, Ramapo 11

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Softball Takes Two Against Hunter College

Miller Earns Shut-Out Victory as Offense Scores 19 in Doubleheader

Nelson DePasquale
SPORTS EDITOR

The bats were alive yesterday evening for Montclair State Softball. The Red Hawks mercy-ruled Hunter College in the fifth inning, 11-3 and 8-0, in both games of a double-header.

Freshman pitcher Jaime Miller tossed a complete game shut-out in the second game. She gave up only two hits while striking out four.

"This was her first game here, [at home] and it's a shutout," said head coach Anita Kubicka. "She started her first game in Florida, and she was straight up scared. You could tell by looking at her. She came a long way, given the scenario that this is the home opener. We are looking to develop her so that she gets better and better."

Miller is 4-1 with a 3.47 ERA. She threw three complete games in 46 and one-third innings with eight walks.

In the first game, senior pitcher Elia Persico (4-4, 2.15 ERA) threw a solid five innings. Persico gave up one earned run on five hits and three strikeouts before she earned the win.

Senior second basemen Megan Durkin provided much of the offense. Durkin was 3-6 with three RBIs and three runs scored in both games.

"Durkin has been swinging the bat good lately," said Kubicka, "She's been playing well."

Other offensive contributors were freshman right fielder Tori Ferrante (2-6, three RBIs, one run), senior center fielder Leslie Gonzalez (3-6, three RBIs) and sophomore shortstop Shannon Mozek (2-6, two RBIs, three runs).

After playing a week's worth of games in Florida and two



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Senior Elia Persico pitched a five-inning complete game, allowing five hits and one earned run.

away games, Softball's home opener could prove to ignite more quality play before conference games begin.

"Recently we've been struggling scoring runs in bunches," said Kubicka. "Today it was nice to see our offense wake up. It was also nice that we scored a bunch of runs with two outs. That gave us confidence to move forward. It's nice to see better swings and at-bats."

Even though the day was a success overall, the team did commit two errors, which is a concern for Kubicka.

"I don't like errors; they tagged us with two in the first game," said Kubicka. "One was a ball on the ground and one was a communication error, which is being reviewed. Softball is hard because we practice on so many surfaces. When you practice on wood gym floor or rubber floor, and then play on the field, it's hard to make that transition."

The Red Hawks play in their first conference game against TCNJ this Friday. With an 8-6 overall record, MSU will have to play more quality ball to be top contenders in the NJAC.

"TCNJ has been one of the hottest teams in the East Region," said Kubicka, "Traditionally, they've been hard to play at home. I've been gearing up for solid play. They attack you in many ways. They like to cause chaos on the base paths. Our fielders will be ready for runners taking off on them or bunts with two strikes."

Check out themontclarion.org for exclusive online updates for Friday's game results. Softball's next home game is Tuesday, April 6 at 3 p.m. against Ramapo College.



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Senior Amanda Livsey went 2-3, had two RBIs and scored twice in the doubleheader against Hunter.

Softball Splits Doubleheader with DeSales over Weekend

Jake Del Mauro
STAFF WRITER

In their first games back from Florida, the MSU softball team split with DeSales 2-1 and 4-2 in Center Valley, PA.

MSU broke through early in the second inning of the first game when Meghan Durkin ripped a one out double into center; after a walk and a single, Shannon Mozek was walked, allowing Durkin to cross home for the game's first run. The game remained 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth, when DeSales evened up the score with back to back singles. In the very next inning, DeSales scored what would become the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly, giving them the 2-1 lead they would hold onto.

MSU had trouble putting the ball in play, striking out 10 times, only recording six hits against Katie Morrissey, leaving 10 players on base and struggling to put runs on the board for pitcher Elia Persico, who gave up two runs on eight hits.

"We went up against a rise ball pitcher," said Mozek, who went 0-for-3. "She had an up to her pitch and the spin was tight; and it gave the ball a jump that we are improving work on to try and stay off the high stuff."

In the second game, the Red Hawks' bats didn't necessarily wake up, but they produced when they needed to, cutting their strikeouts from 10 to one and winning 4-2.

After DeSales scored runs in the first and second innings, MSU sent six players to the plate and evened up the score 2-2, courtesy of an RBI single from Durkin and an RBI groundout by Kelli O'Brien.

In the fourth, Montclair struck another bases loaded walk by Tori Ferrante; and again in the sixth with another Durkin RBI single, giving them the 4-2 lead they won by.

In addition to their strong hitting, defense played a key role in helping freshman Jamie Miller win her third game of the season out of her four starts, giving up 12 hits but only two runs.

"In the second game, I was starting to hit the ball hard, and it was starting to fall in holes," said Durkin. "I got more confident and focused on just [seeing] the ball, [hitting] the ball."

For an exclusive online slide show of Softball's wins over Hunter College, log on to www.themontclarion.org